Representation from the President of the Tappers' Association.

55. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any request or representation was received by the Diwan from the President of the Tappers' Association, Kunnamkulam, for fixing up at least 2 days in the month of Karkadagam for issuing licenses to sweet toddy tappers; and, if so,

(b) what is the reply given to it;

(c) whether any similar request or representation was made to the Superintendent of Excise by the President of the Association; and, if so,

(d) what is the reply given to it, and whether a copy of it shall be placed on the table?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Apppendix I.*)

(c) Yes.

(d) Copy of the reply is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

The Chief Engineer's tour to Calcutta.

56. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether sanction has been accorded to the Chief Engineer to go to Calcutta in connection with the Mattancheri Water Scheme; and if so, the reason for same with the sanctioned expenditure?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The object of the journey was for conducting trials of the water barge which was being built for the Government by Messrs. 'The Hooghly Docking and Engineering Co.' The travelling allowance, which was the only expenditure incurred in this connection, was Rs. 672—10—0.

Well-boring in Trichur.

57. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the special circumstances which led to the employment of Sirkar servants for boring a well or tank in the private house of a gentleman near Naickanal in Trichur;

(b) the name of the owner of the compound;

(c) whether there were no suitable public places wherein the experiment could have been conducted;

(d) what are the terms under which the Government has entered upon the land?

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